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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Every case will be decided on its merits.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : I am totally opposed to the stopping of issue of licences since there are lakhs of people remaining unemployed. Without considering the question of providing alternative employment to these men, is it fair to stop issue of licences?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : I said at the very outset that the Government had stopped the issue of fresh licences only but not the renewal of old licences. Old licences are being renewed. But fresh licences will not be granted hereafter to those societies which are found working badly.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : How is the owner of the garden responsible when a tapper taps sweet toddy without the knowledge of the owner of the garden?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : The Prohibition Act says that even the owner will be liable to be punished if he connives at the person who commits the offence.

Committee for the revision of Subordinate Services Rules

* 121 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have appointed a committee consisting of the Officers of the Secretariat to revise the existing Service Rules in respect of the several Subordinate Services in the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The answer is in the negative.

Beggar problem

* 122 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any scheme to tackle the begger problem in cities and municipal towns, and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Under the scheme drawn up by the Government, Beggar Homes will be started in some of the larger towns and tourist centres and will be run by the municipalities concerned. A grant of Rs. 10 per mensem in respect of each inmate detained in a home under the orders of a Court will be paid by the Government to the municipality. Payment of grant will be limited to a maximum strength of 100 inmates and 50 inmates in respect of each care camp intended for able-bodied beggars and each care home intended for diseased and infirm beggars, respectively. The services of a police staff of one head constable and six police constables will also be made available

for the running of each care camp, but no police staff will be sanctioned for care homes. A budget provision of Rs. 1,39,000 has been made for 1956–57 and it is proposed to sanction the starting of seven care camps and ten care homes in the current year, as soon as the Government of India's approval for meeting their share of cost is received.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : May I know whether any subsidy will be given by the Central Government for the running of beggar homes in the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The matter is under correspondence with the Government of India. We have asked for a 50 per cent grant from the Government of India.

SRI A. M. RATHNASWAMY : As some of the pavements and platforms in the City are crowded with disabled and diseased beggars and as this constitutes a serious inconvenience to the pedestrians, will the Government take early steps to clear these pavements and platforms of these beggars?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I thought there was considerable improvement with reference to the position in the City, after we opened a care home and camp at Melpakkam near Madras which accommodates 500 beggars. Then there is a special home run by the Corporation of Madras accommodating 300 beggars. There is yet a third camp (Daya Sadan Care Home) with accommodation for 300 beggars which has been increased to 500. With the opening of these homes, the situation must have considerably improved. And my impression is also the same—that the position has improved.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Recently a proposal was mooted by the Corporation of Madras to house these disabled beggars from the City in the Malayan Emigration Depot at Avadi. I think a loan also was applied for. What has happened to that? Did the Government give any aid?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : This Melpakkam camp which is run by the Government is the property of the Malayan Emigration Depot. In addition to that, there is a camp run by the Corporation. Now there is a proposal to open one more on the Poonamallee High Road. That is still under consideration.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : The Government tackled the beggar problem successfully at least for one day when the President visited the City when no beggar was seen anywhere in the City. Will the Government make this a permanent feature and extend it to the other parts of the State also so that not only for one day but throughout we may have this feature? 8-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I have a fairly good experience of how the City was before these homes were started and how it is now. My own impression is that there is now considerable improvement and it is the attempt of the Government to see that

as far as possible all the beggars are housed somewhere. However, the insinuation that the beggars were rounded off during the President's visit is not correct.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : May I know, Sir, why the Police are entrusted with the work of running the homes? Why should not this work be given to the social workers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Policemen also have to function as social workers in dealing with beggars and beggar homes. They seem to run it very efficiently. We need not have any aversion to the Police dealing with this sort of work also.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : The phenomenon referred to by the hon. Member Sri Kurup did not take place as an isolated incident in Madras City only. When the Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru travelled the whole of Malabar the same phenomenon was noticed. May I ask the Government whether they have any plan or scheme to remove or spirit away the beggars when eminent personalities come. On the other hand, they should be allowed to see these things for themselves so that they can shape the policy of the country and get the beggar problem liquidated.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The problem facing the country with regard to beggars which arises out of poverty is well-known to the persons in charge of the administration of the country and certainly steps are being taken to remove poverty.

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM : A large number of beggars are suffering from leprosy. Are they being separated and housed in separate camps or are they sent to a common home along with others?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : As it is a separate corner is allotted to the lepers in the same home. But now there is a proposal under the consideration of Government to have a separate home for lepers.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : வேலை செய்யக்கூடிய திறமையுள்ள பிச்சைக்காரர்களும் நடமாடிக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். அவர்களையெல்லாம் ஒன்று சேர்த்து, எங்கெங்கு அணைக்கட்டு கட்டுதல் போன்ற பெரிய வேலைகள் நடக்கின்றனவோ அங்கெல்லாம் அவர்களிடம் வேலை வாங்குவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் ஏதாவது திட்டம் வைத்திருக்கிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : நல்ல தேக பலமுள்ள பிச்சைக்காரர்களிடமிருந்து வேலை வாங்குவதற்காகத்தான் இந்த பாதுகாப்பு இல்லங்கள் ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. ஆனால், அவர்களை அங்கிருந்து ஓடிவிடாமல் பார்த்துக்கொள்வதுதான் மிகவும் கஷ்டமாக இருக்கிறது. வேலை செய்து பிழைப்பதைவிட பிச்சை எடுத்துப் பிழைப்பதே சுதந்திர வாழ்க்கை என்று அவர்கள் நினைக்கிறார்கள்.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know from the Hon. Minister whether Government have received a representation from the Kozhikode Municipality for permission to run a beggar home in that municipality and whether it has been permitted to run the institution and if not the reasons for refusal?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir, the Kozhikode Municipality is one of the municipalities which has agreed to run work-houses and special homes. But sanction has not yet been granted pending receipt of reply from the Government of India regarding the subsidy asked from them.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Are these homes gender mixing beggar homes? (Laughter.)

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member wants to know whether they are mixed homes, males and females residing there together.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir, both men and women are taken there. I, for a moment, forgot that it was the hon. Member Sri Balakrishnan that was putting the question. (Laughter.)

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : The bus stops in the City and other important places like the harbour and railway stations are infested with diseased beggars suffering from leprosy and other bad diseases. May I request the Hon. Minister whether he would issue immediate orders to round off these persons as and when they appear in these places?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir, that is what is being done. In spite of that, the problem has not been completely solved. It is because of the enormity of the problem. But every attempt is being made to see that all beggars are rounded off and taken to the homes.

SRI V. MUTHU : வேலை செய்யக்கூடிய தேக பலம் இருக்கும் பிச்சைக்காரர்களைப் பிடித்துவைத்து அவர்கள் பாதுகாப்பு இல்லங்களிலிருந்து வெளியே ஓடாமல் பார்த்துக்கொள்வது சிரமமாக இருக்கிறது என்று மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார். அப்படி ஓடிப்போகிறவர்களைக் குற்றம் செய்தவர்களாகக் கருதி, அவர்களுக்கு சிறை தண்டனை விதிக்க அரசாங்கம் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : ஜெயிலுக்கு அனுப்பினால் அங்கேயும்தான் அவர்களுக்கு சாப்பாடு போடவேண்டும். இதுதான் இருக்கக்கூடிய முக்கியமான பிரச்னை.

SRI P. CHELLATHURAI : பிச்சை எடுத்துதான் வாழவேண்டுமென்ற நிலைமையில் இருப்பவர்களுக்கு லைசன்ஸ் வழங்கும் முறையை அரசாங்கம் ஆலோசிக்குமா ? (சிரிப்பு.)

THE HON. SRI C SUBRAMANIAM : கனம் அங்கத்தினர் ரொம்பவும் ஒரு நல்ல யோசனையைச் சொல்லியிருக்கிறார். அவர் சொல்லிய யோசனையைப் பரிசீலிக்க அவரையே தலைவராகக்கொண்டு ஒரு கமிட்டி ஏற்படுத்தி, அவர் ஒரு திட்டம் வகுத்துக் கொடுப்பார்களானால், சர்க்காரும் அதைப் பரிசீலனை செய்யும். (சிரிப்பு.)

Starting of beggar relief schemes by municipalities

* 123 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have sanctioned any scheme for destitute relief to be worked by municipalities;